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Lebanon

Israel on Military Situation — The Syrian attack on Israeli aircraft over Lebanon was a "clear violation" of the Israeli-Syrian cease-fire agreement and the gravest in a "series of increasingly serious" Syrian violations, the IDF spokesman announced in a statement reported by Jerusalem television. The Syrian "provocation"was no coincidence and fits in with Syria's declared intention of foiling the Israeli-Lebanese agreement, the spokesman said. Nevertheless, Israel does not intend to initiate military action in response to the incident, according to Israeli political sources cited by IDF Radio. The Israelis have held urgent contacts with the United States in the hope it will ask the Soviet Union to restrain Syria from acting rashly, Jerusalem radio subsequently noted. The assessment that there is a danger of hostilities stems not only from the latest incidents in Lebanon but also from the Syrians' "multidimensional maneuver" in the Golan Heights, the radio said.

Earlier, IDF Radio reported that light weapons fire was directed at IDF positions in 'Ammiq; there were no casualties and the IDF returned the fire. In another development the IDF spokesman dismissed as "nonsense" Lebanese reports that a Syrian SAM downed an Israeli drone in the Al-Biqa valley. Beirut radio had earlier announced a "confirmed" report of the incident. Monitored Syrian media did not mention any Syrian missile attacks on Israeli aircraft, either by aircraft or SAM batteries.

Syrian Position, Contacts — Syria's "basic condition" for withdrawal from Lebanon is unconditional Israeli withdrawal and the achievement of "national balance," because this is the "only way" to obtain Lebanon's security and stability, Foreign Minister 'Abd al-Halim Khaddam affirmed in an interview with the Paris magazine *An-Nahar al-'Arabi wa Ad-Duwali*. Syria will not wage war to thwart the Lebanese-Israeli agreement; it does not need to because there are many ways to do so, he said. While Syria's position is "defensive," it will take appropriate measures to defend its national security, because any Israeli gain constitutes a threat to Syria's security. Khaddam also confirmed that Syria has informed Lebanon that its continued military presence in Lebanon depends on the removal of "Israel's gains."

In another development President Hafiz al-Asad held talks on the Lebanese situation with visiting former Lebanese Prime Minister Rashid Karami, according to Damascus television. Damascus radio and television also noted that Al-Asad received messages on the regional situation from the rulers of Kuwait and the UAE, delivered by the Kuwaiti and UAE oil ministers, who are in Damascus for an OAPEC Ministerial Council meeting.

Meanwhile, Algiers Voice of Palestine radio cited the Lebanese paper *Al-Bayraq's* report that secret talks being conducted with Syria center on the issuing of a U.S. declaration on the return of the Golan Heights to Syria prior to discussions on ending the Syrian military presence in Lebanon. Citing sources close to presidential envoy Philip Habib, *Al-Bayraq* said Syria linked the Golan Heights issue with the question of its withdrawal from Lebanon.

Allegations of Israeli Sabotage — Lebanese security men arrested three Israelis attempting to plant high explosives in the wall of the Soviet Embassy in Beirut, the Jordanian weekly *Akhbar al-Usbu' reported. The Israelis were soldiers disguised* in civilian clothing who confessed that they were personally instructed by the IDF commander in Lebanon to blow up the embassy, the paper added.

Syrian-Jordanian Relations

Although current Syrian-Jordanian contacts have not yet achieved "positive results," observers predict relations will shortly improve, Riyadh radio reported. The Amman daily *Sawt ash-Sha'b* said the two prominent Jordanians who were in Damascus recently were there on a private visit aimed only at securing the release of imprisoned relatives.

PLO

After inspecting Palestinian positions in the Al-Biqa' area, PLO Executive Committee Chairman Yasir 'Arafat returned to Damascus and presided over an Executive Committee meeting, according to Baghdad Voice of PLO radio. Meanwhile, a JANA commentary sharply criticized 'Arafat, and Tripoli's Voice of Greater Arab Homeland radio carried a statement issued by Nimr Salih and his associates in Al-Biqa' on 24 May. In the statement the dissidents dismissed Fatah's recent "worthless formal changes" and reaffirmed their opposition to the appointment of "defeated, deviationist, and condemned men" to PLO command positions in lebanon.

Iran-Iraq Conflict

Iraqi aircraft raided an "important Iranian naval target" in the northern part of the Persian Gulf scoring a direct hit and setting it ablaze, according to an Iraqi military communique carried by INA. An Iranian communique broadcast by Tehran radio said Iraqi planes raided one of Iran's offshore oil fields and "attempted" to damage it. The communique also accused Iraq of bombing part of the northwestern city of Baneh causing a number of civilian casualties. The Iraqi communique also reported civilian casualties as a result of Iranian shelling of the cities of Mandali, Ash-Shihabi, and Zurbatiyah.

Iran

Response to Reagan on Baha'is — Iran regards as "interference" in its internal affairs and as "without merit" President Reagan's call to show greater tolerance toward members of the Baha'i sect and exonerate those imprisoned, IRNA reported citing an Iranian Foreign Ministry spokesman. In response to the President's request, the spokesman reiterated that Iran never prosecutes anyone for his personal beliefs because it respects the freedom of the individual and added that members of the Baha'i group were not imprisoned for their religious beliefs but for their links with "world Zionism" and for espionage.

Expulsion of Diplomats From USSR — The Soviet Union expelled three members of the Iranian Embassy in Moscow, Tehran radio reported. The radio linked the Soviet action with the earlier expulsion of Soviet diplomats from Iran.

Kordestan Operations — In a five-stage operation since 9 May Iranian security forces have managed to "cleanse" more than 100 villages in operations against "counterrevolutionary" elements in Kordestan, killing 53 of them, a communique broadcast by Tehran radio claimed. The operations are continuing in "full force," according to the communique.

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Interior Minister Leaves for USSR 25 May
LD251536 Kabul Domestic Service in Pashto 1430 GMT 25 May 83

[Text] Brigadier General Sayyed Mohammad Golabzoy, minister of internal affairs, left today for the USSR for an official and friendly visit at the invitation of Army General Vitaliy Vasilyevich Fedorchuk, USSR minister of internal affairs.

Karachi Cites Reports on 'Fierce Fighting'
BK251046 Karachi Domestic Service in English 1005 GMT 25 May 83

[Text] Reports from Afghanistan speak of fierce fighting between the freedom fighters and the Soviet-Karmal troops in various parts of the country. The mujahidin attacked a big military convoy between Gardez and Zarmast subdivisions on 7 May, inflicting heavy losses in men and materiel. Besides, 60 Karmal regime troops surrendered and joined the mujahidin.

20 Nangarhar Province Families Return Home
GF241749 Kabul International Service in Arabic 1700 GMT 24 May 83

[Text] Twenty families from (Kohkunar) in Nargarhar Province, eastern Afghanistan, recently returned to the homeland. They were misled by the propaganda of the counterrevolutionaries and were compelled to leave their homes. They returned to the homeland after realizing the true facts about the April Revolution.

Denial of Report on Arrival of Soviet Uranium

BK251622 Delhi Domestic Service in English 1530 GMT 25 May 83

[Text] The news item in a New Delhi daily alleging that a consignment of uranium from the Soviet Union was received in the capital yesterday has been officially denied. Describing it as factually incorrect, a government spokesman said that a routine consignment of heavy water arrived in New Delhi yesterday.

The Soviet Union supplies heavy water for the Rajasthan atomic power station under a 1976 agreement. No uranium was at all received. Under the agreement the Soviet Union is to supply 256 tons of heavy water, of which 131 tons were received up to the end of last year.

Industry Minister Cited on Programs With USSR

BK250950 Delhi Domestic Service in English 0830 GMT 25 May 83

[Text] India and the Soviet Union are to undertake joint research and development programs in machine building. The industry minister, Mr N.D. Tiwari, has said that this is one of the new areas identified by the Indo-Soviet working group.

In an interview with APN, he expressed the hope that the Soviet-aided Vishakhapatnam steel plant and the (?Waidang) thermal power station will be expeditiously completed.

Rajiv Gandhi: Pakistan Possibly Involved in Punjab

BK251432 Hong Kong AFP in English 1423 GMT 25 May 83

[Text] New Delhi, May 25 (AFP) — Pakistan might be involved in the Sikh campaign for autonomy in Punjab state, Rajiv Gandhi, son of Indian prime minister Indira, has claimed. Mr. Gandhi, a member of Parliament and a Congress (I) Party general secretary, told reporters at Calcutta airport yesterday he had information that when Sikh pilgrims last visited the Nankana Sahib Sikh Shrine in Pakistan, they held a closed-door meeting with government officials, PRESS TRUST OF INDIA reported.

"This time also, General Ziaul Haq was invited to visit the Golden temple at Amritsar, in Punjab, during the New Delhi nonaligned summit in March last, but at the last moment the invitation was withdrawn," he said.

Sikh militants, spearheaded by the Akali Dal Party, demand greater autonomy, and certain territorial and water rights for the northern state, which borders Pakistan.

Spokesman on Ershad's Remarks on Ganga Waters

BK251615 Delhi Domestic Service in English 1530 GMT 25 May 83

[Text] New Delhi has expressed surprise and pain at the reported remarks of the chief martial law administrator of Bangladesh, General Ershad, on the Ganga water issue. He had alleged that India is denying that country it rightful share of the Ganga waters. According to press reports, the general made these remarks at a seminar in Dhaka.

An official spokesman said in New Delhi today that the Bangladesh Government has been requested to furnish an authentic text of the remarks attributed to the general. The spokesman clarified that India has been fulfilling all its commitments on the sharing of the Ganga waters under the memorandum of understanding signed in October last year.

About augmentation, a joint committee of experts was set up in January last. It will finalize the terms of reference for the prefeasibility study on the respective augmentation proposals put forward by the two countries.

As regards the Tin Bigha corridor, the spokesman reaffirmed India's full adherence to the agreement on leasing the corroidor to Bangladesh in perpetuity. He said all possible steps have been taken to expedite carrying out the agreement.

Gandhi Addresses Gatherings in Madras State

Congress-I Workers

BK251651 Delhi Domestic Service in English 1530 GMT 25 May 83

[Excerpts] Addressing the Congress-I workers in Madras, Mrs Gandhi said the country is marching ahead in spite of difficult time it is passing through.

Mrs Gandhi warned the people against forces of casteism, communalism, and provincialism, which are raising their ugly heads in certain parts of the country. These should be curbed to ensure the country's progress.

Later, talking to newsmen, Mrs Gandhi said the center is opposed to the Tamil Nadu Government's new entry tax. She said such taxation method would lead to the harassment of the people.

Referring to the drought condition, the prime minister said that three-fourths of the country has been affected and the demands for relief from all the states have to be accommodated. She said the center is constantly trying to help Tamil Nadu to get more food grains from the central pool, but the state government, she pointed out, did not procure even a single grain.

Mrs Gandhi said that the center willl consider sympathetically the demand for assistance to the Krishna water project.

Krishna Water Supply Project

BK260700 Delhi Domestic Service in English 0240 GMT 26 May 83

[Excerpt] The prime minister has stressed the need for solving all interstate problems in a spirit of mutual cooperation, understanding, and good will. Inaugurating the work on the Krishna water supply project in Madras yesterday, Gandhi said in a country of India's size, vast population, and great diversity,

solutions to problems are dependent on cooperation between the states and between the states and the center. She congratulated the chief ministers of Tamil Nadu and Andhra Pradesh for solving a long-standing problem. The prime minister said it was her dream to link all rivers in India to bring comfort and prosperity to all the regions. Gandhi said: We want to be strong, not to dominate over other countries or people, but to be able to protect ourselves and to solve our multifarious problems. She said if India is strong, every state and its communities will also be strong. The prime minister handed over a check of 300 million rupees to Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister N.T. Ramarao on behalf of the Tamil Nadu Government. This is the first installment of Tamil Nadu's share of 2,000 million rupees toward the cost of Krishna water supply project.

Teargas Fired in Kashmir Election Disturbance
BK251612 Delhi Domestic Service in English 1530 GMT 25 May 83

[Text] Police burst teargas shells to disperse a violent mob at village (Wangam) in Anantnag District of Kashmir valley last night. Briefing newmen in Srinagar this evening, an official spokesman said that the trouble started when an attempt was made to disturb an election meeting of the National Conference candidate for (Shanaas) constituency. He said the police intervened to disperse the mob. Five policemen were injured. He said that he has no information about any looting of houses in this village.

Cooperation Agreement Signed With Bulgaria
BK251636 Delhi Domestic Service in English 1530 GMT 25 May 83

[Text] India and Bulgaria are to strengthen mutual cooperation in the field of science and technology. A protocol to this effect was signed in New Delhi today. The 3-year protocol envisages exchange of information and cooperation in areas of mining and metullurgy, space physics, and radar communications. It also covers the fields of energy, agriculture and food industry, electronics, and marine chemistry. The protocol provides for exchange of scientific and technical personnel and exhibitions.

NEPAL

Pakistan's Ziaul Haq Continues Official Visit

Zia Meets With Thapa

BK251151 Karachi Domestic Service in English 1005 GMT 25 May 83

[Text] President Mohammad Ziaul Haq held talks with the Nepalese prime minister, Mr Surya Bahadur Thapa in Katmandu this afternoon. The talks, which covered bilateral matters and other issues, were held at the luncheon given by the Nepalese prime minister in honor of the president at the state hall. Later, the Nepalese prime minister said that there was complete unanimity of views between Nepal and Pakistan on all issues. He said among other issues, matters relating to agriculture and industry were also discussed.

The lunch was attended, among others, by the federal ministers, Mr Ghulam Ishaq Khan, Mr Elahi Bux Soomro, and the advisers Begum Vigarun Nisa Noon, Begum Attiya Inayatullah, and the chief of staff to the president Lieutenant General K.M. Arif. Earlier, the president had a special mountain flight along the Himalayas.

King Birendra of Nepal has said his country is opposed to foreign intervention in any form and shape in the internal affairs of another country, and it is much more concerned over the Soviet intervention in Afghanistan. Because of this concern, Nepal has supported the demand for the withdrawal of foreign forces from Afghanistan and return of Afghan refugees to their homeland in honor and safety.

King Birendra expressed his views in an interview with Radio Pakistan's representative and the special correspondent of the ASSOCIATED PRESS OF PAKISTAN at the Narayanhatti Palace in Katmandu today. He said Nepal welcomes the initiative of the UN secretary general in bringing the concerned parties together to find a generally acceptable solution of the Afghan problem.

In reply to a question on various moves and intiatives taken by Pakistan for normalizing its relations with India, King Birendra expressed the hope that the statesmanship shown by both sides would result in building an atmosphere of confidence and cooperation between the two countries.

About the regional cooperation among the South Asian countries, the King of Nepal said such a cooperation would accelerate the process of the economic development in the region.

Replying to a question about his country's relations with Pakistan, King Birendra described them as friendly and cordial. The two countries, he added, had been continuously making efforts to further consolidate this relationship in their mutual interest and benefit. President Mohammad Ziaul Haq's visit to Nepal, he said, would also contribute in further strengthening the framework of friendship and understanding existing between Pakistan and Nepal.

Zia's Remarks in Katmandu

BK251643 Karachi Domestic Service in Urdu 1500 GMT 25 May 83

[Excerpt] President Mohammad Ziaul Haq has said Pakistan and Nepal are constantly cooperating for the elimination of tension and the creation of favorable conditions under which the people of the two countries can effectively utilize their capabilities and natural resources for a brighter future. He stated this while speaking at a civic reception at Katmandu city hall this afternoon.

He said the two countries belong to the same region and share common problems, and the foremost objective before them is to raise the living standards of their people. However, their efforts to this end can meet with success only in an atmosphere of peace and stability, he added.

Paying tribute to the peace-loving and heroic people of Nepal, the president said the magnificence and serenity of the Himalayas are true reflections of Nepal's national identity. The Pakistani people are proud of having the friendship of a people who do not flinch from any sacrifice in preserving their peace and independence. He said the development of Nepal and its reputation on the international level result from King Birendra's statesmanly leadership, and he hoped that under his leadership Nepal will reach new heights of progress and prosperity in the years to come. The president announced the Pakistan-Nepal Joint Economic Commission will hold its first meeting in Katmandu tomorrow.

Earlier welcoming the president, the Katmandu city Panchayat chairman, (Kumar Chirakar), said the Pakistan president's visit to Nepal will be a milestone in the history of friendly relations between the two countries. He also noted the identity of views between Nepal and Pakistan on a number of international issues, including their membership in the Nonaligned Movement. He expressed his happiness at the fact that Pakistan was one of the nations which first supported King Birendra's proposal for declaring Nepal a zone of peace.

He said Nepal considers as proper and reasonable Pakistan's proposal for declaring South Asia a nuclear free zone and fully supports it. The one common thing about the two countries is that they believe in regional cooperation, he added.

Zia Ill, Cancels Engagements

BK260539 Hong Kong AFP in English 0532 GMT 26 May 83

[Excerpt] Katmandu, May 26 (AFP) — Visiting Pakistani President General Ziaul Haq is suffering from a stomach disorder and has cancelled some of his engagements today, officials said.

He failed to attend a reception given by the Nepal-Pakistan Friendship and Cultural Association today, and would not make scheduled visits to tourist sites the officials said. They added that Gen Zia had not cancelled an address which he was scheduled to give to the Nepal Council of World Affairs later today.

Joint Economic Commission Meets in Katmandu

BK261057 Karachi Domestic Service in English 1005 GMT 26 May 83

[Text] The Pakistan-Nepal Joint Economic Commission held its first meeting in Katmandu today. Presided over by the Nepalese finance minister, Dr Yadev Prashad Pant, the meeting decided to set up three subcommissions, one each for trade, industry, and agriculture. These subcommissions will be headed by senior officials, possibly by secretaries.

The commission was of the view that there was a vast scope of cooperation between Pakistan and Nepal in the field of agriculture. It was proposed that Nepal would send a delegation to Pakistan to identify the areas of cooperation. A Pakistan delegation would soon go to Nepal for talks, especially in the field of textiles industry.

The leader of the Pakistan delegation and the finance minister, Mr Ghulam Ishaq Khan, assured Nepal of all help to promote trade between the two countries. He expressed the hope that the subcommission would suggest measures to accelerate trade exchanges between two countries.

The Nepalese finance minister spoke of the need for continued identification and broadening of areas of cooperation to the mutual benefit of the two countries. He said Nepal noted with appreciation Pakistan's interest to assist it in its development efforts.

The Pakistan-Nepal joint commission would hold its next meeting in Islamabad in October this year.

Velayati Responds to Iraqi Peace Treaty Proposal

LD261209 Tehran Domestic Service in Persian 1030 GMT 26 May 83

[Text] Regarding the suggestion made by Tariq 'Aziz, deputy prime minister and foreign affairs minister of the Iraqi regime, on the signing of a special peace treaty with the Islamic Republic of Iran under UN auspices and aimed at safeguarding residential areas from military attacks, Mr Velayati, our country's foreign affairs minister, said:

While being committed to defending Iran and the Islamic Revolution, the Islamic Republic of Iran, on the basis of indisputable human and Islamic principles, always has felt dutybound to observe these principles as well as recognized international norms. It has never considered the observation of these principles to be the subject of the signing of separate treaties or the supervision of international organizations and will never do so.

Armed Forces Joint Staff Communique No 1,326

LD251727 Tehran Domestic Service in Persian 1630 GMT 25 May 83

[Communique No 1,326 of Joint Staff of Armed Forces of Islamic Republic of Iran]

[Text] In His exalted name. At 1020 today, Saddam's Zionist regime perpetrated yet another new crime. During an air raid, they bombed part of the city of Baneh, destroying eight houses. Eight people were martyred in this calamity and 73 were wounded.

Saddam's Air Force, continuing their aggressive policy and in order to bring pressure on the Muslims and on the governments of the Persian Gulf region, today raided one of Iran's offshore oil fields and attempted to damage it.

During the past 24 hours, artillery and mortar fire exchanges continued throughout the border fronts in the Ilam, Qasr-e Shirin, and Bakhtaran regions. Our combatants opened fire on the enemy's fortifications and equipment in those regions and, as a result, a number of trenches and one truck carrying Iraqi servicemen were destroyed and an enemy ammunition dump was set ablaze.

Yesterday, on the southern fronts, Islam's forces opened fire and halted all enemy movements and operational activities. In particular, the activities of enemy infantry troops in the Ash-Sharhani region and south of Az-Zubaydat were frustrated thanks to heavy fire opened by our forces. In the Abadan and Khorramshahr operational sector, Islam's combatants opened fire on enemy positions, silenced the enemy weapons, destroyed several Iraqi observation posts and trenches,and killed a number of Saddamists. The city of Abadan yesterday enjoyed relative calm and the thunder of enemy shells being fired was heard less frequently.

[Signed] Joint Staff of the Armed Forces of the Islamic Republic of Iran

Leaders Issue Statements on Bombing of Baneh

President Khamene'i

LD251837 Tehran Domestic Service in Persian 1630 GMT 25 May 83

[Statement issued by President Seyyed 'Ali Khamene'i on 25 May — read by announcer]

[Text] In His exalted name. Muslim Kurdish sisters and brothers: At a time when representatives of the United Nations are witnessing, with incredulity and amazement, the evidence of the savage crimes perpetrated by the Iraqi infidel regime in residential areas of our country's southern and western cities, the Iraqi regime — this subservient agent of global arrogance — has bombed residential areas of the heroic city of Baneh, martyring a number of defenseless citizens. The regime has again revealed its filthy and antihuman face. Those who claim to support human rights have never uttered — not even by mistake — a single word about these blatant transgressions against the rights of defenseless human beings and, in collusion with the plots hatched by the news media, have striven to support Iraq's declining government. Yet, despite these plots, the Muslim Iranian nation is determined, by the grace of God, to continue along the path to salvation and eternal bliss.

If the planners of Iraq's war policy and the hegemonistic supporters of that regime imagine that they can weaken and shake our struggling and resisting nation, which has been engaged with the utmost pride for the past 33 months in defending the land of revolution, its honor and sanctity, they should know that they are making a grave mistake. These actions can only culminate in increasing this nation's determination and resistance to a regime which is totally alien to the most elementary conditions of manly and honorable war.

We warn those who are striving not to see the criminal face of the Iraqi regime behind the bombast of that regime's leaders that this is another crime. We also assure our esteemed people that we will not retreat, not even half a step, from realizing our rights or from delivering a riposte to such deeds by the iniquitous.

With best greetings to the souls of the martyrs of this painful calamity, I pray for patience and fortitude for the relatives of the dead from the favoring Almighty.

[Signed] Seyyed 'Ali Khamene'i, president

Prime Minister Musavi

LD252212 Tehran Domestic Service in Persian 2030 GMT 25 May 83

[Statement issued by Prime Minister Mir-Hoseyn Musavi on 25 May -- read by announcer]

[Text] In the name of God, the compassionate, the merciful. Muslim and revolutionary people of Baneh, brothers and sisters: Once again Saddam's American regime has shown its antihuman

and blasphemous face in an area of our Islamic homeland. By bombing the beloved and oppressed people's city of Baneh, it has added another black page to the collection of the black pages of its crimes.

It is natural for everyone to wonder what crime the children, women, and defenseless people of Baneh have committed that they are so savagely bombed by this lackey of oppressive powers. Is it not that, like the people of the other cities of our Islamic homeland, the people of Baneh are being attacked by international oppressors and dictators and their lackeys in the region for bearing aloft the message of monotheism and of turning to Islam and the Koran?

The Iraqi regime has frequently shown its collaboration with the Zionist Democrats For the suppression of heroic Kurdish elements and now you, the vigilant Kurdish people, are witnessing another scene of this black and disgraceful collaboration. On the one hand, the so-called popular criminals fire in broad daylight on the Kurdish people and shed blood in Mahabahd.And on the other hand, Saddam bombs Baneh with his modern aircraft.

However, the blasphemous Baghdad regime must know that the only result of these crimes will be to strengthen our nation's determination to continue the struggle until complete victory. You, Muslim and committed Kurdish compatriots, must know that your government will give the requisite response to all this crime and savagery at a suitable opportunity.

On behalf of the Government of the Islamic Republic of Iran, I congratulate and condole you on the martyrdom of your beloved ones and declare tomorrow, 26 May, as a day of publicmourning throughout Kordestan and western Azarbayjan.

[Signed] Prime Minister Mir-Hoseyn Musavi

UN Delegation Returns to Tehran After Inspection

GF251922 Tehran IRNA in English 1717 GMT 25 May 83

[Text] Tehran, May 25, IRNA — A United Nations fact-finding delegation which has inspected the devastations in the Iranian border cities caused by the Iraqi bombardment and long-range missile attacks returned to Tehran this morning after having completed a four-day tour.

The four member delegation arrived in Tehran last Friday and visited the Iranian border cities of Dezful, Andimeshk, Pol-e Dokhtar, Musian, Dehloran, Abadan, Ahvaz, Khorramshahr, Hoveizeh, Susangerd, Bakhtaran, Qasr-e Shirin and Sar Pol-e Zahab.

The delegation which was accompanied by the Iranian representative to the U.N., Sa'id Raja'i Khorasani, inspected damages caused to residential areas of Iran's southern and western [words indistinct] information on degree of damages and number casualties caused by these attacks.

Speaking to IRNA after returning to Tehran, Raja'i Khorasani said that the delegation was taken by surprise by the scope of the destruction and crimes committed by the Iraqi regime against the Iranian civilians and properties. He further added that the visit of the delegation provided Iran with an opportunity to show only a fraction of the crimes of the Iraqi regime to the people of the world.

The UN delegation has prepared a report ot its tour which it will hand over to the Secretary General of the UN Javier Perez de Cuellar and he will submit the report to the Security Council.

Foreign Ministry Denounces Reagan Call on Baha'is

GF251751 Tehran IRNA in English 1725 GMT 25 May 83

[Text] Tehran, May 25, IRNA — A spokesman of Iran's Foreign Ministry said here today that Ronald Reagan's call upon the Islamic Government for tolerating members of the Baha'i sect and exonerating them is regarded as interference in the internal affairs of Iran and as such without value.

He noted that the Islamic Government never prosecutes anybody on grounds of his personal beliefs, no matter what, and it respects the freedom of the individual.

The spokesman added that the group of Baha'i sect whose exoneration had been requested by Reagan were not being tried for their personal beliefs or attachment to any specific creed but rather for their connection with the world Zionism and on charges of espionage for the enemies of Muslims. He noted that the Islamic Government is relentless with spies under whatsoever masks they may conceal their faces, and that those of the Baha'is who have connection with the Zionists are no exception to this rule.

He reminded this is not the first time Washington is interfering in the internal affairs of Iran.

IRNA Reports USSR Expels Iranian Embassy Staffers

GF251723 Tehran IRNA in English 1720 GMT 25 May 83

[Text] Tehran, May 25, IRNA — The Soviet Government expelled three staffers of the Iranian Embassy in Moscow today.

This has followed the expulsion from Iran of 18 Soviet Embassy staffers as persona non grata earlier in May.

The group of the Soviet Embassy staffers were found to have had connections with the now disbanded and outlawed (pro-Moscow) Tudeh Party.

Communique on 'Final Blow' to 'Counterrevolutionaries'
LD251842 Tehran Domestic Service in Persian 1630 GMT 25 May 83

[Communique issued by Hamzeh ash-Shohada Headquarters and joint operations center of the Islamic Revolution Guards Corps and Armed Forces of Islamic Republic of Iran on 25 May]

[Text] In the name of God, the compassionate, the merciful. The strong combatants of Islam, relying on divine help, are determined to deal the final blow to the counterrevolutionaries who are attached to the world arrogance and to eradicate blasphemy and hypocrisy from the beloved Kordestan.

Following the operations aimed at mopping up the western regions of the country from the filthly assailants, simultaneous with the anniversary of the mission of God's prophet, His Holiness Khatim al-Anbiya, may God's peace and benediction be upon him and his scion, in five series of extensive operations codenamed Be'sat [Mohammad's mission], the brave combatants of Islam succeeded in (?liberating) considerable parts of the Marivan border regions up to Sar Dasht, and in gaining control over the border heights.

During these operations, although the counterrevolutionaries and the assailants attached to them enjoyed artillery support from the Ba'thist-Zionist Iraqi regime, the powerful combatants of the army of monotheism managed to cleanse more than 100 villages and tens of square kilometers of the Islamic homeland from the filth of the assailants who are dependent on world blasphemy.

In the first stage of the Be'sat operations, which started on 9 May, the 5-km border axis of Armardeh-Berkeh was mopped up, and the heights overlooking the town of Armardeh were liberated after 4 years and are now under the control of the forces of Islam.

In the second stage of the operations, which started on 12 May, the 24-km border axis of Baneh-(Henjyan) was liberated and the village of (Bo'in) Sofla, the towns of 'Abbasabad and (Menor), former Pahlavi Dezh, and the important, strategic heights of (Mehni) and (Hengzhal), which were under the occupation of the counterrevolutionaries, were seized by the forces of Islam. The heights of (Kituran) and Kani (Halazun) were also secured by the monotheist army of fighters against blasphemy.

In the third stage of the operation, which started on 17 May, on the (Zarvar)-(Alud) axis, the powerful combatants of Islam succeeded in capturing the border heights of (Kager), (Bolhasan),and (Bardehbuk) and the slit trenches of the Monafeqin [Mojahedin-e Khalq] and the assailants.

In the fourth stage of the operations, which like the other stages were carried out with complete success, the combatants of Islam liberated the border posts of Kani Duzan and Rostami and the heights overlooking the villages of (Kurab), Lash, (Nazabad), (Kelaber),and (Oshtormehr).

In the fifth stage of the operations, the combatants of Islam mopped up the heights of Saleh, which are opposite (Bezu) region and overlook the Alud region, and also the (Hamehrasid) heights, and captured the border post of (Aynjeni) and (Kisuman).

During these victorious operations, which were carried out by the forces of Islam consisting of the self-sacrificing Guards, the mobilization unit of the Islamic Revolution Guards Corps, the heroes of the Armed Forces of the Islamic Republic of Iran, the heroes of the Gendarmerie, and the Muslim Kurdish peshmerga, 53 counterrevolutionaries were killed and a large number were wounded or arrested. A considerable quantity of arms and ammunition was also seized by the combatants of Islam. These operations are continuing with full force.

Following these victorious operations, the region's oppressed and deprived people's warm welcome to the army of monotheism,and the securing of border heights this morning, the falling and miserable Ba'thist-Zionist Iraqi regime bombed the city of Baneh, covering this heroic city's Kurdish and Muslim citizens in dust and blood. According to the latest reports, the regime ruling Baghdad, which is incapable of confronting the combatants of Islam, bombed the city of Baneh at 1040 in support of the counterrevolutionaries, destroying a large number of houses, wounding 73 Muslim people in Baneh and martyring 8 others.

The Hamzeh Seyyed ash-Shohada Headquarters, peace be upon him, congratulates and condoles the Kurdish people of Kordestan, particularly the heroic people of Baneh, assures them that it will undertake all efforts to avenge the blood of the martyrs of the recent bombing and the other crimes committed by the blasphemous mercenaries and their supporters and that it will continue its operations until the complete, decisive destruction of the attached minigroups.

[Signed] Hamzeh Seyyed ash-Shohada Headquarters, peace be upon him, joint operations center of the Islamic Revolution Guards Corps, and the Armed Forces of the Islamic Republic of Iran

Operations Against Iraq, Guerrillas Reported
LD251953 Tehran Domestic Service in Persian 1639 GMT 25 May 83

[Text] According to a dispatch from the Hamzeh Seyyed ash-Shohada — may peace be upon him — Headquarters, a patrol group of Islamic combatants in the Tutmal region in Marivan during an infiltration of Iraqi territory succeeded in killing 12 mercenaries of the Zionist, Ba'thist regime of Iraq. All then returned safely to their bases.

Also, on another operational axis in the Gol Tappeh region near Saqqez, Islam's combatants, while mopping up nine hamlets during antiguerilla operations, succeeded in killing 31 counterrevolutionaries, wounding 20 and capturing 2. During these operations, quantities of arms, including various mortars, RPG-7's, G-3's, Kalashnikovs, and Colts were captured by Islam's forces.

Of 16 bodies left by the counterrevolutionaries subservient to global arrogance in the operational zone, three were bodies of

military commanders of the mercenaries subservient to global arrogance.

Ayatollah Khomeyni Speaks on Shortages, High Prices
LD251244 Tehran Domestic Service in Persian 1030 GMT 25 May 83

[Excerpts] Hojjat ol-Eslam val-Moslemin Seyyed 'Ali Khamene'i, the Friday imam of Tehran, accompanied by the central council of Tehran's Friday imams, was received this morning by Imam Khomeyni, leader of the revolution and founder of the Islamic Republic of Iran.

During the audience, the Friday imam of Tehran presented a report to the imam of the nation on the seminar held by Tehran's Friday imams.

Imam Khomeyni then addressed them: Today, the government is working with all its might and is doing whatever it can. It is a hard task. Today, most of the world'sgovernments are not on good terms with us. Our enemies have done many things against us. They created internal discords, but were not successful. They then imposed the war upon us, and still they are not leaving us alone. Despite all these difficulties, so much has been achieved.

Of course, there are some shortages and the prices of most commodities are very high. The people are not happy about these things. However, where in the world are people free from such shortages and price rises? In the Soviet Union, despite all their claims, there are still long waiting lines. There are also shortages and high prices in Iran. However, for the sake of Islam, these things should be tolerated. Naturally, people who sacrifice their youth in the war are not angered by these difficulties. Those who are on the battlefronts are not afraid of difficulties and continue to resist. Those who fight and maintain the struggle remain patient concerning shortages. However, those who are standing aside, those who used to have lives of leisure, are unhappy because they are no longer allowed such a life of merrymaking. These are the ones who are weakening the government and are always moaning that there are shortages. These are the ones who are busy weakening the government.

You, gentlemen, should support the government in your Friday sermons. I hope that the Friday prayers will be held as gloriously as possible. May God approve and bless you all. God's peace be upon you all.

Tehran Television Reports Causes of Water Shortage
GF251854 Tehran Domestic Television Service in Persian 1700 GMT 25 May 83

[Excerpt] The officials of the Tehran water supply department have announced that due to recent floods around the Chalus-Karaj Highway and because of the increased mud factor in the Karaj stream, the output of the water filtration plants at Karaj has been adversely affected and the Tehran water supply reduced. They called on the citizens to help conserve water.

Khamene'i Addresses Intelligence Personnel 25 May
LD251439 Tehran Domestic Service in Persian 1030 GMT 25 May 83

[Text] According to our correspondent's report, Islamic Revolution Guards Corps Intelligence Department personnel last night met with Seyyed 'Ali Khamene'i, president and Supreme Defence Council chairman.

During this meeting, the president emphasized the fact that all forms of intelligence work — whether they require physical activity or scrutiny and intellectual activity — are among the most important activities in the Islamic Republic of Iran's system. He said: This is why our illustrious imam has referred to you as unknown soldiers. You are soldiers who unpretentiously, namelessly, and without fame strengthen the foundations of the order in the Islamic Republic of Iran. Intelligence organizations are, in fact, the eyes of a system.

Continuing his speech, the president said: You are, in fact,acting on an extensive, complex, and dangerous front and God's favor, recompense, and grace toward you is no less than His favor and recompense toward those who are active in the trenches of the open war. The president added: You are doing the same as the fighters bravely fighting for the sake of God and in the path of God and earning worldly glories and God's recompense in the hereafter.

Addressing the Guards Corps Intelligence Department personnel, Khamene'i said: Continue your work with strength, pure motives, and pure hearts, just as you are doing today. Remain enthusiastic and hopeful about your work, appreciate the value and importance of your work as is fitting, and be sure that the value of these quiet, unpretentious, and excessively difficult struggles is no less than that of open struggles. In some cases, its value is even greater. God's attention and favor toward this front is no less than His attention toward the warfronts. You see what victories we have achieved in this field.

Referring to the fact that with the blessings of the revolution we have taken steps in all aspects of life in this country, which could not have been expected of us, the president added: Our enemies and anxious friends throughout the world thought that we would not succeed in some of the steps we were taking. However, thanks to God, we have not failed on any of the economic, political, and military fronts. We have succeeded on all of them. We have also achieved these victories in the field of intelligence activities.

Khamene'i said: Other countries' intelligence organizations are usually in the hands of one of the great powers' intelligence organizations and have nothing of their own. They are either under the influence of Western intelligence organizations or are being trained by Eastern intelligence organizations. However, in Iran, youths who are members of the party of God have no need for the experience or training of world intelligence organizations. Their subtlety, complexity, and efficiency in reaching their goals and analyzing events make them so successful that they have inspired wonder in the most complex intelligence organizations of the world. Our believing and sincere intelligence organiza

tion's victory in the recent spy case and the blow that the intelligence organizations dealt the spies, as well as all the blows that they have delivered against our secret enemies in previous cases, are merely due to the faith of our brothers and the grace and bounty of God. Our youths' faith and dedication to their work was solely responsible for discovering and delivering that deadly blow against the Tudeh Party. If we wish to advance in our intelligence work and continue our successes, we should maintain our faith and sincerity and perform our duties for the sake of God. If we work for anyone but God, we will certainly be harmed. We should try to have no ungodly motivation.

In conclusion, the president referred to the fact that, thanks to God, we are advancing toward a centralized intelligence organization and its direct link with religious perception and the role of Islamic jurisprudence. He added: In this work, expertise is an important and necessary condition. We should develop in all spheres. The greatest members of the party of God and revolutionary soldiers of the revolution are those who try to discover the methods and rules of each task and act accordingly. Intelligence organizations should combine art, efficiency, capability, faith, and learning.

Reportage on Indian Official's Visit

23 May Arrival

LD240848 Tehran Domestic Service in Persian 1630 GMT 23 May 83

[Text] According to a Central News Unit report, Mr Natwar Singh, India's deputy minister of external affairs and secretary general of the Nonaligned Movement, arrived in Tehran this afternoon. He was welcomed by the foreign affairs and economy under secretaries of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Islamic Republic of Iran.

After arriving in Tehran, he said in an interview: During my meetings with Iranian officials, in addition to bilateral issues, we will discuss international issues, the visit of India's minister of external affairs to Iran, and issues concerning the Nonaligned Movement, including Namibia which at the moment is being discussed in the UN session, the next UNCTAD session in Belgrade, and the steps taken by India to implement the resolutions of the Nonaligned Summit Conference.

Meeting With Musavi

GF260614 Tehran Domestic Service in Persian 0430 GMT 26 May 83

[Text] The under secretary of the Indian Foreign Ministry met with Prime Minister Mir-Hoseyn Musavi yesterday evening. During this meeting, which was attended by the deputy of the Economics and International Affairs Department of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of our country and the Iranian ambassador in India, a discussion and exchange of views was held on relations between the two countries.

26 May Departure

LD261059 Tehran IRNA in English 0920 GMT 26 May 83

[TEXT] Tehran, May 26, IRNA — Kunwar Natwar Singh, secretary general of the Non-Aligned Movement, NAM, left Tehran today for New Delhi after two-day talks with the Iranian officials including Prime Minister Mir-Hoseyn Musavi.

Kunwar Singh, also secretary in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of India, held talks with the Iranian officials on mutual relations.

Deptuy foreign minister Hoseyn Sheykh ol-Eslam was at the airport to see Kunwar Singh off.

Reportage on Hungarian Economic Delegation's Visit

GF211652 Tehran IRNA in English 1547 GMT 21 May 83

[Text] Tehran, May 21, IRNA — Hungarian economic delegation headed by Mr Henger, deputy in charge of foreign trade affairs, met and conferred with Mohammad 'Asemipur, deputy economic and trade affairs minister of the Heavy Industries Ministry of Iran, here today. Bilateral cooperation and export of technical equipment between the two countries were talked about. Also both sides expressed the hope that such cooperation in technical fields would expand even further between the two countries. Henger and his delegation arrived here Friday, May 20, to inaugurate the Hungarian trade exhibition in Tehran.

Meeting With Health Official

LD232358 Tehran Domestic Service in Persian 1630 GMT 23 May 83

[Text] The Hungarian deputy minister of foreign trade, who has come to Iran at the head of a delegation to open the Hungarian trade exhibition in Tehran, met this morning with the deputy minister of health. At this meeting, they discussed the exchange of medical and hospital equipment and the training by Hungary of technicians in charge of repairing and maintaining medical equipment.

24 May Departure

LD241957 Tehran Domestic Service in Persian 1630 GMT 24 May 83

[Text] The Hungarian deputy minister of foreign trade, who came to Iran to inauguarate Hungary's exclusive industrial products exhibition, left Tehran today. In a departure speech, he expressed optimism on the future of economic relations between Iran and Hungary and on the transfer of advanced technology.

The Commerce Ministry's foreign trade under secretary then expressed the hope that, following the talks between the trade delegation and our country's officials during the past 2 days, trade relations and the exchange of goods between Iran and Hungary would increase.

Yusef Sane'i Meets With Khomeyni on Afghan Refugees

LD201123 Tehran IRNA in English 0930 GMT 20 May 83

[Text] Tehran, May 19, IRNA — The prosecutor general of the country, Ayatollah Yusef Sane'i, met with the leader of the revolution and founder of the Islamic Republic of Iran, Imam Khomeyni, this morning.

In this meeting, Ayatollah Sane'i presented to the imam a report on the affairs of the prosecutor's offices and the behaviour of some of the Afghan residents of Iran.

Talking about the topics discussed with Imam Khomeyni, the prosecutor general said that he has informed the imam of the efforts made by the judges and prosecutors. He added that the imam was also briefed on issues related to some Afghan refugees in the Islamic Republic who created mischief in the country through their violations. Such mischievious elements, he want on, who posed threats to the lives and properties of the people, would be dealt with decisively and religious punishment would be meted out.

Afghan Residents To Be Issued Identity Cards

LD211357 Tehran Domestic Service in Persian 1030 GMT 21 May 83

[Excerpts] The head of the Interior Ministry Aliens Department this morning briefed our correspondent on the progress in issuing identity cards to the Afghans living in our country:

[Begin recording] In view of the fact that the Cabinet and other officials have expressed sensitivity on the issue, it was decided to identify the Afghans living in our country and to issue them identiy cards. The program was launched about a month ago and, in order to carry out the program smoothly, our Afghan brothers and sisters were requested to remain wherever they were until further notice. According to our records, so far around 300 of our Afghan brothers and sisters have come forward, have gone through the set procedure, and have been issued identity cards. Of course, they are still not allowed to travel until further notice. At the same time, after the deadline for the program's implementation, those Afghans who fail to come forward and are thus without an identity card will be deprived of certain privileges. They will not enjoy privileges available to those with identity cards and they will be dealt with seriously.

Our countrymen should know that the program concerning the Afghans living in Iran is well underway and, God willing, [words indistinct] will take place and our people are expected to cooperate. God willing, we will be able to complete the project as soon as possible and we will keep the Iranian people informed of future programs as they come about. We hope we will be able to achieve the task entrusted to us in this regard. [end recording]

Ayatollah Montazeri Meets With Afghan Refugees

LD222103 Tehran IRNA in English 1930 GMT 22 May 83

[Text] Qom, May 22, IRNA — More than 500 members of the Afghan ulema and religious students of the Theological School of Qom met the eminent theologian Ayatollah Hoseyn 'Ali Montazeri Saturday. In the meeting they condemned the crimes committed by some Afghanis affiliated to the superpowers' spying network and expressed a wish to be distinguished from such elements.

Ayatollah Montazeri responding to their feelings said that as the Islamic country of Afghanistan is being ruled over by the andpicked regime of the Soviet Union, it was the duty of the Islamic Republic to sympathise with the refugees and homeless Afghanis and try to provide their needs.

Continuing Ayatollah Montazeri said that the account of a handful of Afghanis engaging in illegal activities was different from those of law-abiding Afghan refugees. He said a distinction should be made of those few and the mass of Afghanis staying in Iran. He called on the Islamic Republic authorities to deal severely with Afghanis who commit such crimes.

Ayatollah Montazeri concluding called on the people to report such elements who have infiltrated amongst the Afghan people in Iran, lest otherwise a benefit might accrue to the enemies of Islam and the atheist world.

It should be noted that the Soviets' aggression of Afghanistan has driven nearly 2 million Afghans to seek refuge in Iran.

NVOI Carries Tudeh Party Committee Statement

TA252016 (Clandestine) National Voice of Iran in Persian 1730 GMT 25 May 83

[Statement by foreign-based committee of Tudeh Party]

[Excerpt] Dear compatriots: We draw your attention to a statement by the foreign-based committee of the Iranian Tudeh Party which we have recently received.

In a statement entitled "Put an End to Violations of the Law," it is said: The revolution prosecutor general in the Government of the Islamic Republic of Iran, without any legal grounds and without any verdict by a competent court, allegedly declared the Iranian Tudeh Party — the party of the Iranian working class — as illegal, and in his opinion he dissolved it.

The revolution prosecutor general in the Government of the Islamic Republic of Iran, by violating the Constitution's principles, including the 22d principle which renders the reputation, life, property, rights, residence, and occupation of individuals immune from assault; the 23d principle which prohibits inquisition and assault on and reprimand of individuals merely for possessing an opinion; the 26th principle which declares freedom of activity for parties and political, trade and religious societies, and which forbids restricting the participation of individuals or forcing them to participate in these parties and societies; the 32d principle which allows the arrest of individuals only by an order and a legal form; the 36th principle which permits the sentencing of punishment through a competent court and in accordance with the law; the 37th principle which recognizes that individuals are innocent until proven guilty; the 38th principle which prohibits the use of any kind of torture for the extraction of confession or

for obtaining information; the 39th principle which forbids violation of the reputation and honor of individuals, even if they have been detained, arrested, imprisoned, or deported by verdict of the law, and which deems punishable those who engage in these acts; and in other words by violating almost all principles of the 3d chapter of the Constitution of the Islamic Republic of Iran in respect to the rights of the nation, he declared that not only the Iranian Tudeh Party was dissolved but parallel with this, by setting a deadline, he requested all members and adherentns of the Iranian Tudeh Party to report to the Freemasons' lodges with their identity cards and pictures.

This violation of the law and this profanity toward the Constitution of the Islamic Republic of Iran and the blood money of the martyrs unveil the depth of the treacherous and criminal plots in process against our homeland's glorious anti-imperialist and popular revolution, its gains, and its Constitution.

These plots must be exposed and the revolutionary toilers should be made aware of the depth of the danger threatening our revolutionary homeland, the fate of our toiling people, and the p e o p l e ' s struggles.

Workers, farmers, young people, and revolutionary intellectuals: Join the ranks of the Iranian Tudeh Party — the party of the Iranian working class — to defend the gains of the revolution. Long live the Iranian Tudeh Party, the party of the Iranian working class. Long live the anti-imperialist and popular Iranian Revolution.